



ARIZONA HEAD START ASSOCIATION

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WHO WE ARE

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The Arizona Head Start Association (AHSA) strengthens our member agencies, partners and others who enhance the lives of young children and families by serving as the unified voice of the diverse Head Start/Early Head Start community through advocacy, collaboration and education. AHSA is proud of the accomplishments of our member agencies across the state, and the difference that their programs are making in the lives of more than 22,300 families.

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HEAD START HISTORY

- Head Start is a federal-to-local comprehensive early childhood program.
- Head Start and Early Head Start follow the Head Start Program Performance Standards.
- Head Start is a high-quality preschool program that provides comprehensive services to low-income children and their families.
- Created in 1965 as a part of the War on Poverty to address the needs of America's poorest children and help them overcome the disadvantages of being born into poverty.
- Has successfully served over 20 million children.

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EARLY HEAD START

- Early Head Start was created in 1994 to serve families and children from pregnancy through age 3.
- 1994 reauthorization of The Head Start Act
- Creation of the Advisory Committee on Services for Families with Infants and Toddlers

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HEAD START'S COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES

- School readiness and cognitive development services.
- Frequent medical screening, immunizations, and dental services.
 - Hemoglobin, Dental exam, physical exam, lead blood testing, nutrition assessment, developmental & behavioral assessment, hearing & vision screenings, lead and TB verbal assessments
- Healthy nutritional assistance.
- Referral services for a range of individual child and family needs.
- An opportunity for parents to participate in school decision-making.



ARIZONA BY THE NUMBERS

INFANT AND TODDLER CARE

Children birth to 3 in poverty ¹³:
77,200

Federally-Funded Early Head Start Slots ¹⁴:
2,163

State-Funded Early Head Start Slots ¹⁴:
0

State Average Annual Cost of Center-Based Infant Care ¹⁵:
\$8,671

Children birth to 3 Receiving Child Care Subsidies ¹⁷:
6,888

National Average Annual Subsidy for Children birth to 3 ¹⁷:
\$5,568

PRESCHOOL AND PRE-K

Children 3 and 4 in Poverty ¹³:
54,264

Federally-Funded Head Start Slots ¹⁴:
15,657

State-Funded Head Start Slots ¹⁴:
74

State-Funded Pre-K Slots ¹⁶:
6,516

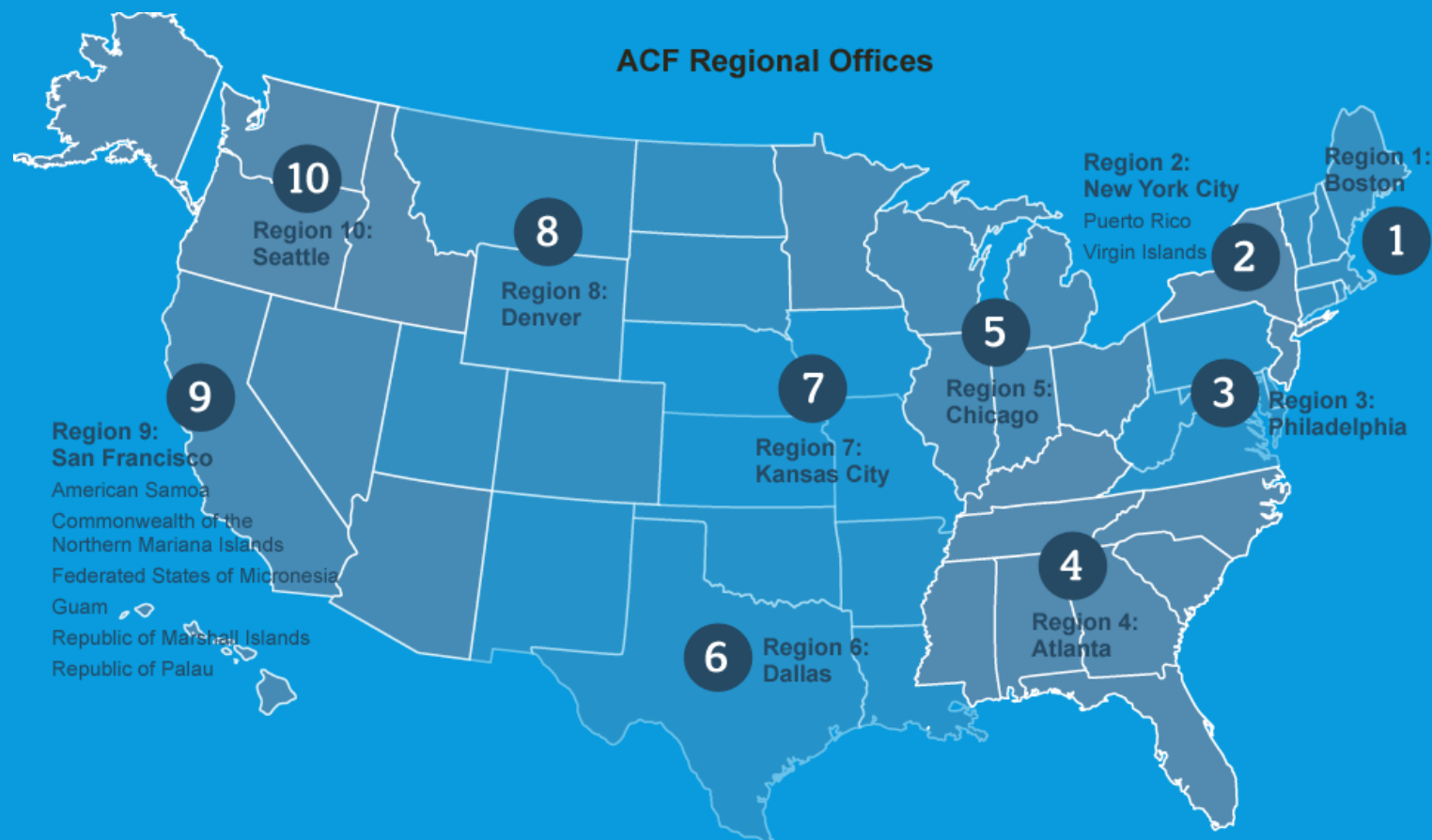


ARIZONA NUMBER OF PROGRAMS AND CHILDREN SERVED

- Cumulative Enrolled Children 18,080 in 2014
- Percentage (%) of children enrolled for multiple years 3,537 or 26.6%
- Total Number of Grantees/Delegates: 43
- Early Head Start: 9 Head Start: 17
- American Indian/Alaska Native Head Start: 13
- American Indian/Alaska Native Early Head Start: 3
- Migrant/Seasonal Head Start: 1



STRUCTURE OF HEAD START REGIONS

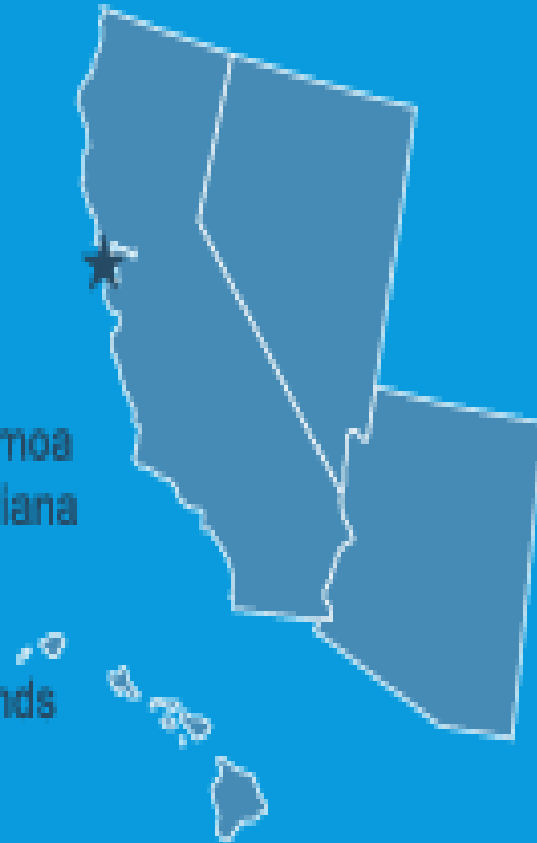




REGION 9 HEAD START LOCATIONS

Region 9 includes: Arizona,
California and Nevada and others
listed below

Hawaii
American Samoa
Northern Mariana
Micronesia
Guam
Marshall Islands
Palau





ARIZONA GRANTEES/DELEGATES

- Grantees include:
 - Chicanos Para La Causa (migrant), several locations
 - Child Parent Centers, Tucson
 - Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG), Yuma
 - Southwest Human Development, Phoenix
 - Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG), Flagstaff
 - Pinal Gila Community Child Services, Florence, Apache Junction, Casa Grande
 - Crisis Nursery, Phoenix
 - Maricopa County, East Maricopa
 - Catholic Charities, West Maricopa
 - City of Phoenix, Central Phoenix area (has 8 delegate programs)



AHSA INTEGRATED HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

- Meet quarterly
- Have a health manager from all grantee and delegate attend
- Purpose of the committee is to:
 - Discuss changes to OHS standards, Child Care Licensing Regulations, OSHA, etc.
 - Share information about each program health and nutrition indicators
 - Discuss and develop policies related to health, safe environments and nutrition
 - Discuss and develop MOU and partnerships that can assist programs (WIC MOU, and Data Sharing Agreement with the Lead Prevention Program)
 - Discuss and develop collaborations with Arizona Department of Education
 - Share results of Performance Report to the federal government, common trends and deficiencies.



ARIZONA BY THE NUMBERS

HEALTH INDICATORS

PIR Performance Indicator	Number at Beginning of Enrollment Year	Percentage at Beginning of Enrollment Year	Number at End of Enrollment Year	Percentage at End of Enrollment Year
Percentage (%) of children with health insurance	12,458	93.6%	12,779	96.0%
Percentage (%) of children with a medical home	12,809	96.3%	13,000	97.7%
Percentage (%) of children with up-to-date immunizations or all possible immunizations to date, or exempt	12,817	96.3%	13,195	99.2%
Percentage (%) of children with a dental home	12,320	92.6%	12,637	95.0%



ARIZONA BY THE NUMBERS

HEALTH INDICATORS

2014 #	PIR Performance Indicator	Number		Percentage	
121	Percentage (%) of children with an IFSP or IEP	1,558		11.7%	
122	Percentage (%) of children up-to-date on a schedule of preventive and primary health care per the state's EPSDT schedule, at end of enrollment year	12,291		92.4%	
123	Of the children up-to-date on health screenings, the percentage (%) of children diagnosed with a chronic condition needing medical treatment	-	1,044	-	8.5%
124	Of the children diagnosed with a chronic condition needing medical treatment, the percentage (%) of children who received medical treatment	-	-	701	- - 67.1%



ARIZONA BY THE NUMBERS

HEALTH INDICATORS

Context		Number	
Cumulative Enrolled Preschool Children		13,306	
Cumulative Enrolled Preschool Children with an IEP for one of the Primary Disabilities Reported in the PIR		1,555	
2014 #	PIR Performance Indicator	Number	Percentage
131	Percentage (%) of preschool children with an IEP for one of the primary disabilities reported in the PIR, that received special education or related services for those disabilities	1,512	97.2%
132	Percentage (%) of preschool children completing professional dental exams	12,109	91.0%
133	Of the preschool children receiving professional dental exams, the percentage (%) of preschool children needing professional dental treatment	- 2,659 -	- 22.0%
134	Of the preschool children needing dental treatment, the percentage (%) of preschool children who received dental treatment	- - 2,277 - -	- - 85.6%



ARIZONA BY THE NUMBERS ECONOMIC IMPACT

- Fiscal Year 2014 Funding: \$123,320,830
- Fiscal Year 2015 Estimated Funding*: \$125,170,642
- Total Jobs: 3,769 in 2014 (does not reflect all positions)
- State Average Salary for Head Start Teachers with a BA: \$30,668
- The Head Start investment pays off: for each \$1 invested, Head Start yields an annual ROI ranging from 7-9%.



PURPOSE OF THE WIC MOU?

- Ensure coordination of services and confidentiality of data to improve health outcomes and access to WIC services among at-risk children at local WIC and Head Start offices throughout Arizona.
- It also serves to streamline administrative procedures for staff, participants and applicants of both the WIC and Head Start Program.
- The WIC and Head Start programs at the state and local level will partner to meet this goal.
- Both WIC and Head Start will work together to promote and support State, regional and local efforts to improve program coordination and services delivery for low-income children and their families



WHAT WIC AGREES TO DO FOR MOU?

- Provide definitions of roles of state agencies, local Head Start agencies, local health department and local WIC agency staff in referral, screening and follow-up.
- Provide for data sharing of hemoglobin values and WIC eligibility data
- Prevents disclosure of confidential client information to other entities
- Provide referrals to Head Start Programs



WHAT HEAD START AGREES TO DO FOR MOU

- Provide WIC with Head Start enrolled child information to include:
 - First Name
 - Last Name
 - Middle Initial (when available)
 - Date of Birth
 - Address (another identifier if needed)
- Provide WIC 1-2 weeks notice to respond following receipt of child identification
- Work cooperatively to resolve questions and concerns about identification
- Communicate between WIC and Head Start grantees to best support information sharing meets confidentially requirements of populations
- At the State level, provide a copy of this agreement to local Head Start Grantees via Arizona Head Start Association and the Arizona Head Start Collaboration Office



WHAT WIC AGREES TO DO FOR MOU?

- Inform clients that personal information about WIC recipients may be shared with Head Start
- Share data related to Head Start enrolled children hemoglobin and WIC eligibility data
- Share data in a confidential, secure manner
- Restrict the use or disclosure of information received to any third party
- Communication will be designed locally between WIC and Head Start grantees to best support information sharing
- Collaborate based on guidelines
- At the state level, provide a copy of this agreement



OTHER FUTURE ENDEAVORS FOR WIC MOU

- Work together to refer children that are overweight, obese or underweight for nutritional counseling.
- Work together to refer pregnant mothers or new mothers for nutritional education and breastfeeding education.
- Support the state WIC office with data related to number of children in Head Start/Early Head Start that are receiving or not receiving WIC services.
- Support state WIC office with data or information related to the reasons that Head Start/Early Head Start children fall off of WIC.
- Develop possible new sites in Head Start locations for a WIC office also.



REFERRAL FORM DISCUSSION

- Provide feedback for referral form that Brittany Klein created (referral form should be included)



QUESTIONS?

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